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This chronology was triggered by your letter to Lesar about "a report to IRS and a claim for the customary share of tax collections"(ho, ho, HO!), specifically sixth paragraph from the end, "so clearly and widely was this understood to be a device for suppression "

I'm very grateful (flattered, too) by the encouraging words about our chronology, in your letter to us of 3/16/74. It arrived yesterday just in time, nick-wise, because only three hours before I had decided (for the fifth, sixth, tenth time?) that I was going to discontinue it. It is a lot of work, and I'm so far behind. Somehow, though, each time I decide I must stop I find I can't not go on with it, but this time I thought I really meant it.

The chronology didn't start out as one, which is why it's so skimpy before about Jun 73. It was started because I just can't keep a date in my head from one second to the next and I didn't want to take the time to look through clippings. It was rather haphazard, odd bits and pieces on large scratchpad sheets, on each dated sheet only what happened - or was said to have happened - on that date. I try to keep each item down to what seems essential, but what that leads to, very often, is more time spent on deciding what can be left out than what should be included. To each date I add as I find; some dates go on for five or six pages, some have only one or two entries. This would be three or four times more useful if we also had a name file, but since that can't be managed I try to start off each item with a name or at least some clue, so that when I get really desperate I can run my eye down the left margin and - usually - find what I'm looking for.

To interpret the notation at the end of each item, say SFC 26 Apr 73 [NYT] - E 5 Feb 73, 2: clipping from SFChronicle of 26 Apr 73 credited to NYTimes, Entry in chronology for 5 Feb 73, page 2. There are also ~~AMP~~ AMP(lification) pages, headed by the relevant dates, added for those times when we find something later which needs to be ~~also~~ included for some entries.

Again, thanks for the encouragement.

Ms. Sisyphus

- 5 Feb 73 - Comm. to Re-Elect transfers documents to Nat'l Archives; including second shipment 19 Apr, the material is said to be enough to fill 75 legal-size four-drawer filing cabinets. Papers eventually will be transferred to Nixon library.
NYT 26 Apr 73, Crewdson
- 19 Apr 73 - Comm. to Re-etc. transfers its records and documents to Nat'l Archives, second shipment.
NYT 26 Apr 73, Crewdson
- Peter Wolf, attorney, in a motion filed late today at U.S. District Court, WX, says a client of his who worked for Comm. to Re-etc., removed eight cartons of documents from WH 18 Jun 72, including material from Hunt's desk, part of which consisted of plans to "bug the Watergate," and lists of secret campaign contributors. Removal of these cartons would have been on the day before Hunt's office was searched by WH aides. Client kept the material through the summer, then returned it to CRP at its request "shortly before the election." Wolf declines to give client's name.
KPFA News 19 Apr 73
- 26 Jun 73 - Wolf's client is Roy Sheppard, whose new lawyer, Ben Cotton, says today that Sheppard had testified before Watergate grand jury and Ervin committee (no dates, but from context testimony before one or the other was given today) that he picked up eight cartons from woman he believes to have been Mrs. Hunt, who contacted him "shortly after the Watergate break-in." He kept cartons until Nov 72, when he burned them because "no one asked about them."
SFC 27 Jun 73 [UPI]
- 17 Sep 73 - CRP files, which had been transferred to Nat'l Archives and later subpoenaed by Watergate grand jury and Ervin committee, have been found by "Watergate investigators" to contain internal memos from a number of federal regulatory agencies which contain information about enforcement and rate cases involving large corporations. Agencies involved include IRS, SEC and CAB. Story credits "sources close to the investigation," but does not say which investigation, grand jury or Ervin committee.
SFC 17 Sep 73 (undated story from NYT. Not seen in NYT for 17 Sep; possibly from NYT 16 Sep, a Sunday.)

All of the clippings referred to have been sent you, except the first, NYT 26 Apr 73, attached.